

HB 1152 -- DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

SPONSOR: Pace

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that a person commits the offense of distribution of a controlled substance near a child care facility, a class A felony, if he or she unlawfully distributes or delivers any controlled substance in violation of Section 195.211, RSMo, to a person in or on, or within 200 feet of, the property comprising a child care facility as specified in Section 210.201 or a child placing agency or residential care facility as specified in Section 210.481.

A defendant found by the court to be a persistent drug offender who distributes a controlled substance near a child care facility must serve his or her term without probation or parole.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill protects children by deterring drug dealers from distributing near where children are located and increasing the punishment for those who do.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Pace.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.